

I support media diversity

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. In its goals to promote competition, diversity and localism in today's media market, I strongly believe that the FCC should retain all of the current media ownership rules now in question. These rules serve the public interest by limiting the market power of already huge companies in the broadcast industry.

The strength of a democracy is dependent on listening to the many voices and points of view of its population. I believe the loosening of the current FCC regulations will lead to a concentration of too much communication power in the too few hands of mega corporations.

The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding.

As a citizen, whom the FCC is answerable to, I demand the FCC hold additional hearings elsewhere around the nation to solicit the widest possible participation from the public which will be the most directly affected by the outcomes of these decisions. The FCC must serve the interests of all parties not just the media companies who they are charged to regulate.

Sincerely,

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